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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

- vs -

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

SWORN DEPOSITION

Deponent: MATSUDAIRA, Tsuneo

Having first duly sworn an oath as on attached sheet and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country I hereby depose as follows.

1. I, Tsuneo Matsudaira, served in the Foreign Office from 1902 to 1936. From 1925 to 1928, I was accredited to Washington as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and from 1929 to 1936, to London in the same capacity. In 1936, I was appointed Minister of the Imperial Household and 1945, I resigned the same post. In 1946 I was appointed a member of the Privy Council, which post I still hold.
2. It was immediately after the so-called February 26th incident (1936), a rebellion started by Army officers at the head of their men that I assumed the post of Minister of the Imperial Household. At that time, I was strongly urged by Kurahei Yuasa, then Minister of the Imperial Household, to enter the

service of the Imperial Household Department. I thought that Prince Saionji and Baron Kitokuro Ikki, then President of the Privy Council, recommended me as candidate for the Minister of the Imperial Household. I also recall that Marquis Kido, then Chief Secretary to the Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal, strongly urged me to accept the offer.

3. It was in 1930 that I first became acquainted with Marquis Kido. I was serving as Ambassador to England, when Marquis Kido who was touring Europe and America, called on me at the Japanese Embassy. This was my first interview with him. And our friendship continued ever since.
4. In 1940 Mr. Kurahei Yuasa, then Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal, tendered his resignation owing to his ill health. An agreement of views was reached that Marquis Kido be the suitable candidate for the succeeding Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal, after mostly consulting the outgoing Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal and seeking the views of Prince Saionji. On June 1, therefore, I invited Marquis Kido to the official residence of the Minister of the Imperial Household and urged him to assume the post of Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal after informally obtaining Imperial sanction. But the Marquis suggested Prince Konoye or Baron Hiranuma as more suitable candidate. I strongly urged him to accept the offer. Marquis Kido left the official residence of the Minister of the Imperial Household,

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reserving his reply pending his consultation with Prince Konoyo. Later the same day, however, he replied to me, accepting the offer. Such being the case, there was absolutely no suggestion or pressure from military circles in connection with Marquis Kido's appointment as Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal. Thus Marquis Kido was recommended as candidate for new Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal by those above-mentioned people, who were known as opposed to militarism.

5. When I heard that Major Anthony Eden, British Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in his address before Parliament that the Japanese army committed atrocities against British prisoners of war at Hongkong, I thought that it was a serious question. Because when a British Secretary for Foreign Affairs, delivers such an address before Parliament, the question involved, is invariably a serious one. On March 13, 1942, therefore, I called on Marquis Kido, Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal, at his room and asked him:

"When a Secretary for Foreign Affairs delivers such an address before Parliament, I cannot help thinking that England attaches great importance to the question, involved, unlike in Japan. Just what treatment is being given to the prisoners of war? Have you heard anything?" In reply, I remember that Marquis Kido told me that he had heard nothing about the treatment of prisoners of war. Judging by the fact that Japan was highly spoken of for her chivalrous treatment of Russian prisoners

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of war during the war with Russia of 1904-5, the Marquis continued to say he thought that such atrocities could not be committed by the Japanese; but the question involved seemed to be serious as I told him, though he was not acquainted with the British Parliamentary usage. He promised me to draw the Prime Minister's attention to this.

6. I served as Minister of the Imperial Household for nine years three months, during which time Marquis Kido also served as Court official first as President of the Board of Peerage and then as Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal with the exception of two years and a half during which time he left the service of the Imperial Household Department to join the Cabinet. In our private life, I also often went out with him to play golf. I trust, therefore, that I am fully acquainted with his character and principle. On the basis of my observation and knowledge of his work, Marquis Kido is possessed not only of good brains, but also has a commendable capability of weighing matters in a logically manner. In my conversations with him I heard him denounce ^{militarism and aggression} I know on many occasions he cudgelled his brains to restrain militaristic influences for the sake of peaceful and constitutional government.

On this 28 day of Jan., 1947

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I, HOZUMI, Shigetaka hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Depoent, who affixed his signature and al thereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date

At same place

Witness(seigned) HOZUMI, Shigetaka (seal)

OATH

In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the whole truth withholding nothing and adding nothing.

MATSUDAIRA, Tsunoo (seal)

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宣誓供述書

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極東國際軍事裁判所

亞米利加合衆國其他

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荒木貞夫其他

余、松平恒雄ハ宣誓ノ上左ノ通り陳述ス。

一、余、松平恒雄ノ官歴ハ一九〇二年ヨリ一九三六年迄外務省ニ在職シ、其ノ間一九二五年ヨリ一九二八年迄特命全權大使トシテ「ワシントン」ニ駐在シ一九二九年ヨリ一九三六年迄特命全權大使トシテ「ロンドン」、ニ駐在シタリ。

一九三六年宮内大臣ニ親任セラレ一九四五年退官シ、一九四六年樞密顧問官ニ親任セラレ在任中ニ在職シタリ。

二、余ガ宮内大臣ニ就任シタルハ陸軍府役ガ兵士ヲ卒キテ叛亂ヲ起シタル所即二・二六事件ノ直後ニシテ當時湯淺宮内大臣ヨリ切ニ宮内省ニ入ルコトヲ勸誘セラレタリ。當時西園寺公、一木樞府議長等ノ推薦ガアリタルモノト思ハルガ、内大臣秘書官長タリシ木戸候モ亦余ノ受諾センコトヲ切ニ進メ居リタリ。

三、余ガ始メテ木戸候ヲ知リタルハ一九三〇年余ガ駐英大使時代ニシテ歐米ヲ旅行中ナリシ同候ガ大使館ヲ訪問シ、初メテ會見シ爾來交際ヲ續ケタリ四、一九四〇年湯淺内大臣ガ病氣ノ爲辭表ヲ提出シ、其ノ後任者ニ關シテハ專ラ湯淺内府ト協議シ更ニ西園寺公ノ意見モ徴シ、木戸候ヲ適任者ナリト

認ムルコトニ意見一致シタルヲ以テ内奏ノ上、八月一日余ハ宮内大臣官邸ニ同候ヲ招致シ就任ヲ勅メタリ。然ルニ木戸侯ハ却ツテ近衛公、又ハ平沼男ヲ推シタレドモ余ハ前述ノ諸重臣ガ推薦シタルコトヲ述ベテ切ニ受諾ヲ勅メ、木戸侯ハ近衛公ト相談ノ爲話否ヲ留保シテ辭去ヒシガ同日後刻受諾ヲ回答シタリ。

以上ノ如キ経緯ナルヲ以テ木戸侯ノ内大臣就任ニ關シテハ軍部方面ヨリノ示唆、或ハ壓迫等ノ事實ハ全然無ク、同候ハ軍部トハ反對ノ立場ニ在リト知ラレタル前記ノ人々ニ依リ推薦セラレタルモノナリ。

五、余ハ英國外相「イーデン」氏ガ英國議會ニ於テ香港ニ於テ我が軍ガ英人俘虜ヲ虐待ヒリトノ報告演説ヲナシタリトノ話ヲ聴キ、之ハ容易ナラヌ間題ト思ヒタリ。何故ナラバ英國ニ於テハ外務大臣ガ議會デ此ノ種ノ演説ヲナスハ餘程問題ガ重大デアル場合ナレバナリ。ソコデ一九四二年（昭和十七年）三月十三日木戸内府ヲ其ノ室ニ訪ヒ會ヒシ際、我國ト違ツテ英國デハ外務大臣ガ議會デ此ノ種ノ演説ヲナスノハ此ノ問題ヲ餘程重大視シテ居ルトシカ思ハレナイガ一體俘虜ノ待遇ハドンナ風ニシテ居ルノカ、何カ開イタコトガアルカト尋ネタルコトアリ、内府ハソレニ對シ自分ハ俘虜ノ待遇ニ就イテハ何モ聞キ居ラズ。元來日本ハ日露戦争ノ時ニハ俘虜ノ待遇

ハ評判ガ良カリシ故斯ル無茶ナコトハヤツテハ居マイト思フガ、英國ノ議會ノ習慣ハ知ラヌガ御話ヲ聞クト成程重大ダカラ首相ニモ注意ヲヒント云フ意味ノ話ヲナシタルコトヲ記憶ヒリ。

六、余ハ九年三箇月宮内大臣ノ職ニ在リシガ、此ノ間木戸侯ガ内閣ニ入ル爲ニ宮内省ヲ離レタル約二ケ年半ヲ除キテ、初ハ宗秩家總裁トシテ後ハ内大臣トシテ木戸侯ト共ニ宮中ニ奉仕シ、又同侯トハ「ゴルフ」ノ友人トシテ屢々運動ヲ共ニシタ關係上、其ノ性格、主義ニ關シテハ熟知シ得タリト信ズ、余ガ侯ノ仕事振リヲ觀察ヒル所ニ於テハ木戸侯ハ頭腦極メテ明敏ニシテ事件ヲ論理的ニ見透ス長所ヲ有シタリ。余ハ侯トノ會談ニ於テ屢々木戸侯ガ侵略主義者、軍國主義者ヲ非難スルコトヲ聞キ寧ロ平和的、立憲的ナル政治ノ爲ニ軍閥ノ勢力ヲ抑制スルコトニ苦心シ居リタルコトヲ知レリ。

昭和二十二年（一九四七年）一月二十八日於

東京都澁谷區松濤一六

供述者 松 平 恒 雄

右ハ當立會人ノ面前ニテ宣誓シ且ツ署名捺印シタルコトヲ證明シマス。

同日於同所

立會人 穗 貴 重 威

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